Pustaka Bhandagaram of Upmaka Agraharam of Yellamanchili taluk, Visakhapatnam district, for recognition and financial help for the library; and

(b) if so, whether any of the requests was complied with and if not the reasons for the same?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) The authorities of the Sree Venkateswara Vilas Pustaka Bhandagaram of Upmaka agraharam applied for aid from State funds only once on 21st March 1952.

" (b) The library could not be admitted for aid from State funds, as it was not registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860."

*Grant for the construction of school buildings to District Board, Anantapur.*

* 282 *Q.*—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations were made on several occasions by the District Board, Anantapur, for allotment of building grants to Kadiri, Kalyandrug and Madakasira Board High School buildings under construction in Anantapur district; and

(b) if so, what is the allotment provided for in the budget for 1953–54?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) & (b) The District Board, Anantapur, submitted applications for a subsidy from State funds towards the cost of construction of buildings for the Board High Schools at Madakasira, Kalyandrug and Kadiri. The Government have admitted the schemes to aid and have sanctioned subsidies to the value of Rs. 71,000 towards the cost of the three schemes. The district board can claim the subsidy either in part while the schemes are in progress or in full after completing the works."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI :—" Are the Government aware that the previous Government assured the district board to provide grants for the construction of school building at Kadiri and directed the district board to start the construction? In view of the fact that the building is now under construction and it has come up to the roofing level and that the district board has stopped the construction for want of funds and in view of the fact that it is difficult for the district board to accommodate the growing strength of pupils, will the Government consider giving more grants especially to Kadiri Board High School which is the biggest High School in Anantapur district? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" During the current year, a total sum of Rs. 50,000 a very meagre sum was provided towards subsidies to local boards for the construction of buildings. Hence only a nominal sum could be allotted to the school at Kadiri. The matter will be considered."

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SRI K. R. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the Government have withheld payment of any grant or permission to any local body for constructing school building, and if so, whether they are going to revise their policy? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Government have not changed their policy in the matter of providing funds for the construction of school buildings."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that allotment of grant was made in previous years to the Madakasira Board High School and tenders were called for by the district board? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. The district board is free to draw the money when it pleases."

*Alleged lathi charge by the police at Tuticorin.*

* 283-A *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there was a lathi charge by police on 25th March 1953 on the people at Tuticorin; if so, why; and how many persons got injuries?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is not true that there was a lathi charge at Tuticorin on the 25th March 1953."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have instituted any enquiry into the circumstances leading to the lathi charge and the conduct of the officers who ordered the lathi charge? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The answer is that there was no lathi charge and this question does not therefore arise."

*District Planning Board for Visakhapatnam district.*

* 284 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a District Planning Board for Visakhapatnam district has been constituted;

(*b*) if so, with how many; and

(*c*) of them how many are non-officials?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Nineteen members, including the Chairman and the Secretary.

" (*c*) Five."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the M.L.As. of the district are included in the Planning Board? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, as I said there are nineteen members in the District Planning Board.